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1. RASHAD PHARAON, SAUDI ROYAL ADVISOR, REMINDED THE AMBASSADOR JAN 27 THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN OPEC WHICH HAD NOT REACTED OFFICIALLY TO THE APPARENT THREATS COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID OUR EXPLANATIONS HAD BEEN STUDIED AND HAD BEEN ACCEPTED (THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TOLD US THAT DAY BEFORE PRINCE SULTAN HAD GIVEN ALL ARAB EMBASSIES RESUMES OF OUR EXPLANATIONS AND HAD TOLD THEM TO GET THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CALM DOWN. THE UNITED STATES, SULTAN SAID, KNEW WHERE ITS TRUE

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INTERESTS LAY AND WOULD NOT RISK LOSING THEM.)

2. PHARAON SAID THAT NONETHELESS WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE SAUDIS WERE DISTURBED AT THE SWELLING ANTI-ARAB PROPAGANDA IN THE UNITED STATES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SEEMED POWERLESS OR UNWILLING TO STEM IT AND THE SAUDIS WERE BEGINNING TO WONDER IF THE U.S. REALLY HARBORED HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD THEM.

3. IN A SEPARATE DISCUSSION HISHAM NAZIR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT IF THE SAUDIS CANNOT USE THEIR MONEY AT HOME (AND THEY CANNOT) AND ARE NOW TO BE RESTRICTED IN THEIR INVESTMENTS ABROAD, AS THE U.S. CONGRESS IS THREATENING, THERE WILL SURELY BE IRRESISTIBLE PRESSURES TO CUT OIL PRODUCTION. CERTAINLY THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF FURTHER GROWTH.

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